

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF SUGAR AND ETHANOL

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of sugar and Ethanol produced during the last two years and the current year, year-wise;
- (b) whether there is likely to be huge surplus of sugar in the country due to record production during the current year;
- (c) if so,the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has issued any advisory to the Sugar Mills to achieve higher productivity at lower cost,diversify into products like Ethanol to improve profitability and provide remunerative price to farmers;
- (e) if so,the details thereof and reaction of the sugar industry thereto; and
- (f) the incentives proposed to be provided to the sugar mills for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The total quantum of sugar and ethanol produced during the last two years is as under:

Year	Sugar Production (in lac tonnes)	Estimated Ethanol Production (in million liters)
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2006-07	281.99	2900
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2007-08	264.00	2730
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(provisional)

2008-09 It is too early to assess, as the 2008-09 sugar season has started

(current year) w.e.f 1.10.08

Calculation of estimated ethanol production is based on sugarcane

#crushed by the sugar industry in the respective sugar seasons.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) & (f): Does not arise.